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Canadians welcome 58 new citizens

Fifty-eight people were sworn in as Canadian citizens at the Alberta Legislature in Edmonton yesterday as a part of Canada Day celebrations.

Nearly 150 Edmontonians greeted their new countrymen along with Edmonton Mayor Stephen Mandel, provincial Education Minister Dave Hancock and MPs Rona Ambrose and Laurie Hawt.

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Metro writer Anne Hines on her first thong

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Injuries plague medal hopefuls



Self-proclaimed ambassador for Canada Greg Strum has been donning the patriotic red and white duds for 14 years to celebrate Canada Day and thinks the nation's birthday is better than Christmas.

'Better every year'

Canada Day festivities draw more than 50,000

ALICIA FOX
for Metro Calgary



Red and white was all the rage at the nation's 141st birthday party at Prince's Island Park.

Prince's Island Park was the place to be yesterday as tens of thousands of Calgarians celebrated Canada's 141st birthday.

With bands playing on three stages and over 20 vendors scat-

tered throughout, the event drew between 50-80,000 visitors, according to organizers, most of whom wandered the park waving complimentary mini flags or dressed appropriate in red and white attire.

"It's better every year," said Stephanie Barnett, Canada Day co-ordinator for the City of Calgary, adding it's been running since about 1972.

"It just gives people a chance to come down and show their joy

to be Canadian."

Kathleen Stone, a Calgarian for 6 1/2 years, came with her family to enjoy the festivities.

"We thought the kids would have a good time," she said as she watched her five- and three-year-old tattoo up their faces with butterflies, dinosaurs and, of course, Canadian flags.

"(Being Canadian) means freedom, it means opportunity," she said. "It's just a great place to live."

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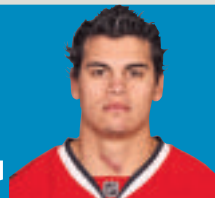
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Psychiatric evaluation A Calgary man facing 96 criminal charges for a daylong carjacking and robbery spree May 25 will undergo another 30-day psychiatric evaluation. On Monday, Richard David Barker, 27, was found fit to stand trial, but his defence pointed to psychiatrist concerns that he may not be criminally responsible for his actions.

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"I'm definitely happy to be a Flame now."

Former Chicago Blackhawks forward, Rene Bourque, left, acquired by the Flames in a trade yesterday.

Restaurants

Albertans are now able to check out restaurant inspection reports before eating at a particular food establishment. Reports on any Calgary area eatery violations will be posted at www.calgaryhealthregion.ca.

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Speedy cyclists told to hit road

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Ines Kowalchuk has seen it entirely too many times; carefree cyclists careening down Calgary pathways, pedestrians dodging ditchward to avoid becoming proverbial speed bumps.

"My main concern is the little guy," said Kowalchuk, her three-and-a-half-year-

old son Carson fiddling with his Maple Leaf pendant as they headed toward Prince's Island Park's Canada Day Celebrations yesterday.

"It wasn't too long ago, my parents, they have a little dog and they walk it down these paths all the time. They were nearly hit by a guy on a bike, came within a hair."

Despite posted signs limiting speeds to 20 km/h on most city paths and a potential \$50 fine for offenders, it's a problem Bylaw Services' Andrew Bissett said he hears often.

While the signs have been in place for more than a year, Bissett said it breaks down to an issue of education.

"Too many people don't realize, for whatever reasons, that there is a speed limit," Bissett said, adding he's never handed out a ticket to anyone going under 32 km/hr. "It's our job to educate them, either with a fine or a warning."

"If you really want to go fast, the street is your best option."



Bylaw officers are hoping that public education will help speeding cyclists slow down on city bike paths.

Traffic Why did the chickens cross the road?



Two crates of chickens flew the coop yesterday, forcing one lane of traffic to be cordoned off by Calgary police and firefighters just before the Calf Robe Bridge on northbound Deerfoot Trail.

Calgary Stampede staff at full capacity

The Calgary Stampede is rolling full steam ahead after hiring more than 3,000 staff members for this year's 10-day celebration.

Pleased with the efficiency of the hiring process, Wendy Fogleman of the Calgary Stampede said this year's success was largely due to the city's hot job

market.

"It proves once again that the Calgary Stampede continues to be a great place to work," she added.

After hiring 3,300 staffers and reaching full complement, the Calgary Stampede is still encouraging people to apply to account for the amount of

turnover over the course of the exhibition.

Applicants can choose the jobs they are interested in and interview times online at www.calgarystampede.com. There are 500 people still on the waiting list up for interviewing this week.

KRISTA SYLVESTER/METRO CALGARY

Albertans are the most patriotic: Poll

Albertans are the most patriotic folks in Canada, suggests a new poll by the Canadian Press Harris-Decima.

Those surveyed ranked their pride in Canada 9.43 out of 10, and only 3 per cent of Canadians ranked pride lower than a five.

That came as no surprise to visitors at Prince's Island Park yesterday out to celebrate Canada's 141st birthday festivities, the general consensus being that even though our patriotism may not be overt, it's definitely there.

Tyisha, "almost four," said she liked Canada, when, after declaring her love for parks and digging in gravel, she said, "We're lucky 'cause we get to go to good schools."

Wayne Bobrosky, who just returned to Canada last Thursday and considers himself patriotic, said though both his kids have been born outside of Canada, "it's always been home."

"We've got it good here," he said.

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Construction sites to get artful facelifts



Artistic renderings, like this one at 104 - 2 St SW, will help improve the aesthetics of downtown Calgary construction sites, as the Calgary Downtown Association, Metro Calgary, Anthem Properties and the City of Calgary partnered to launch the first of what's hoped to be many hoarding beautification projects.

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Calgary's downtown construction zones are moving away from aesthetic monstrosity status.

Downtown Calgary's Janet Jessiman said hoarding zones are typically displeasing to the eye, accentuated by boundless fencing, dumpsters and bland plywood.

Not anymore. Works of art like the opening offering Together

As One, designed by Calgary artists Angelique Gillespie and Patricia Glenn, and painted over the weekend on the Anthem Properties Waterfront luxury condo development at 104 - 2nd St. SW, should make city streetscapes "much more accessible and friendly" for those strolling through the core and beyond, Jessiman said.

It also acts to discourage graffiti entrepreneurs, who Jessiman said have "tried to make something

more beautiful in their own ways," and to showcase local artists' work and stimulate community ownership of the hoarding space.

"This is just the first of many more to come in all of the city's business revitalization zones."

Anthem Properties' Sylvia Young said it's a great project and one the developer is "honoured" to be a part of.

Metro Alberta publisher Steve Shrout, who helped forge the partnership be-

tween the city, Calgary's Downtown Association and Anthem, said "where there's art, there's pride in the area."

"Since Metro is so intimately entwined with the vibrancy of the downtown core, this is an organic, natural fit," Shrout said.

The downtown association is actively seeking potential partnerships with local artists and developers to continue the growth of the art projects in core construction zones.

U of C solar team heads to Dallas

SOLAR CHALLENGE. Calgaryans and their white hats are about to say "howdy" to the Texans.

The University of Calgary's solar team sped off yesterday with the solar-powered Schulich 1 in tow after a special "White Hat ceremony", declaring them official Calgary ambassadors in this year's North American Solar Challenge race from Dallas to Calgary.

The team intends to drive down to get a sense of the topography and road conditions, and will arrive on July 6 in time for the beginning of the 10-day race on July 13.

"They're definitely be very excited to finally be on the road," he said. "It's been a lot of work, and a lot of planning," said Grady Semmens of the U of C.

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News in brief

AUTOPSIES. The autopsy of a man found dead in a Braeside home Sunday is slated to be conducted today after a delay. Police are not releasing cause of death or identity until the exam is completed. The medical

examiner also conducted an autopsy on the body of a man who was reportedly stabbed after an altercation between two groups early Saturday morning but results haven't been released yet. **METRO CALGARY**

Beaten teenager expected to speak to police today

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INVESTIGATION. Police are expecting to talk to a 14-year-old boy today recovering in hospital with life-threatening head injuries.

Police found the victim in serious condition with bruises and serious head injuries lying on the ground after someone spotted the boy in a grassy area along Erin Meadow Green.

"We haven't been able to speak with him yet because of his condition but investigators will talk to him today and continue

the investigation from there," police Insp. Vic Trickett told Metro, adding there is not much more information.

However, police believe the victim's injuries could have possibly stemmed from a disturbance call the night before and had cordoned off an area down the street.

"We may have found a couple of crime scenes that could be related," Trickett added.

Police believe the boy was attempting to reach help but collapsed before police found him. He is recovering in the Children's Hospital in serious condition.

Emergency Severe flooding prompted police and fire officials to declare a local state of emergency in Lethbridge yesterday after a storm dumped 25 millimetres of rain on the city in less than an hour.

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Metro's new look

Dear Readers,

Metro has a bright new graphic look today, designed not only to please the eye, but also to help you navigate our daily menu of news, columns, features, tips, recipes, gossip and games.

And it's not just about a prettier face. Our new design also signals a growing commitment to provide you not only with the day's most important stories, but more news you can use — such as our expanded new Health section on Tuesdays, Workology and Travel guides on Mondays, recipes and homes pages on Wednesdays, and more music and movie reviews on Fridays.

Our crisper, cleaner look also signals other changes, such as our goal to bring you the best columnists from across the country. Watch for award-winning columnists such as Marty York's sports scoops and analysis on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and Anne Hines' humorous HineSight on Tuesdays.

As well, each weekday we bring you the most dis-

cerning views on what's on TV with Intellevision columnist Rick McGinnis, while our Thursday edition features celebrated food writer Barb Holland's A La Carte recipes, and our Fri-

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day edition brings you Sound Check from Alan Cross, syndicated host of The Ongoing History Of New Music, and Vancouver fashionista Kim Elbo's Style File — all jam-packed into an entertainment and style package that can't be beat.

Metro is also committed to bringing you the best from your local city columnists, with Heather Setka's Slick City scoop on what's hot on the local weekend entertainment scene with

more local columnists slated to start in the near future.

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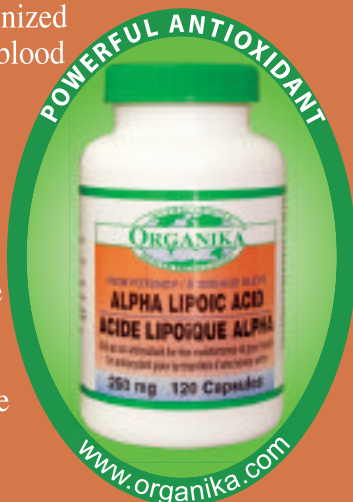
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Bees escape

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courts



B.C. man facing 10 years for abuse

BANGKOK, THAILAND. The Maple Ridge teacher who admitted to sexually abusing a teenage boy in Thailand will be sentenced on Aug. 15.

A Bangkok court announced on Monday that Christopher Paul Neil, 33, may be facing up to 10 years in prison for sexually abusing a 15-year-old Thai boy, photographing the offence and putting them online, CBC News Online reports. Neil pleaded guilty in May to the abuse and to shooting the photographs but denied that he posted them online. He also pleaded not guilty to similar charges of the boy's brother.

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Morgentaler gets Order of Canada

Roman Catholic Archbishop blasts move

The decision to award abortion-rights crusader Dr. Henry Morgentaler the Order of Canada yesterday on Canada Day set off a flurry of reactions ranging from disgust to congratulations.

"Canada's highest honour has been debased. Henry Morgentaler has been awarded the Order of Canada. We are all diminished," Most Rev. Thomas Collins, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Toronto said in a statement issued after the award announced by Governor General Michaëlle Jean.

Morgentaler, among 75 people who will receive the prestigious national honour at a later date, was

"Canada's highest honour has been debased."

Rev. Thomas Collins

lauded on the governor general's website for "for his commitment to increased health care options for women, his determined efforts to influence Canadian public policy and his leadership in humanist and civil liberties organizations."

Judy Rebick, the former president of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women, described the award to Morgentaler as long overdue

and the reaction from the pro-life supporters anti-abortionists as predictable.

"Dr. Morgentaler has contributed a tremendous amount to Canadian society and the only reason he hasn't got an Order of Canada until now is because all of the noise that the anti-choice cause."

Rebick said millions of women owe their lives to the 85-year-old Morgentaler "because he put his life on the line, his freedom, his liberty and his health to defend women's right to choice."

The Prime Minister's office was quick to distance itself from the controversial honour.

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Conrad Black settles apartment lawsuit

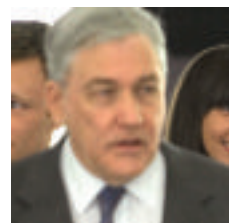
NEW YORK. Former media baron Conrad Black settled a lawsuit brought against him by Sotheby's International Realty Inc claiming that he failed to pay the commission on the \$10.5 million sale of his New York apartment.

The terms of the settlement were not disclosed.

Sotheby's alleged in a 2006 lawsuit that Black's attorneys issued a check for the \$557,000 commission on the Park Avenue apartment but stopped payment on it.

Black said in a statement yesterday that the U.S. Attorney's Office in Chicago improperly seized the proceeds from the sale, including funds for Sotheby's commission.

Black accused prosecu-



Conrad Black has settled a lawsuit with Sotheby's

tors of coordinating with the buyers to attend the October 2005 closing so they could issue seizure warrants to force him to forfeit \$9 million in sale proceeds. The seizure occurred before Black was criminally charged with obstructing justice and defrauding shareholders of Hollinger.

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Nova Scotia Cannabis Day - Eh!



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News in brief

EDMONTON. Alberta artist and waterfall creator Peter Lewis has had his work and his name used in a new Tom Clancy novel called EndWar. The book's final scene takes place under Edmonton's waterfall bridge.

SASKATCHEWAN. More than 1,100 residents of northern Saskatchewan are nervously watching from afar as forest fires continue to threaten their homes. About 170 people from Black Lake were added to the list of evacuees yesterday due to heavy smoke from the same fire that's threatening the Saskatchewan-Manitoba border.

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Halifax mayor skips festivities

Returns from hospital after short stay

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"As you know he's like the Energizer Bunny — he goes and goes and goes."
Coun. Dawn Sloane

Halifax Mayor Peter Kelly wasn't allowed out to play for Canada Day.

Kelly, 51, just returned home from hospital Monday after abdominal pain forced him to go to the emergency room last Tuesday.

He was later diagnosed with diverticulitis, a digestive condition that can be treated with antibiotics

and monitoring his diet.

Downtown Coun. Dawn Sloane attended Halifax's official Canada Day ceremony on behalf of the mayor yesterday.

When talking to the mayor that morning, she said that he wanted to get

out of the house, but his family members hid his cell phone, keys and shoes.

"As you know he's like the Energizer Bunny — he goes and goes and goes," Sloane said, about Kelly, who's been in office since 2000.

"We made an executive decision that he's to stay home and rest. We want our mayor well."

Kelly, who's been in office since 2000, said Sunday he doesn't expect to take off much recovery time.

Vancouver Sea lion dies



Tag, the Vancouver Aquarium's 15-year-old Stellar sea lion, died yesterday following surgery to treat his oral cancer. The sea lion had suffered from oral and dental problems for 10 years before being diagnosed with cancer in the winter. He went through chemotherapy and laser surgery in the spring.

Unknown soldier tomb protected

OTTAWA. It's been two years since Canada Day revellers urinated on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

But the passage of time has not meant a let-up in vigilance against it happening again.

Sentries stood at attention at the War Memorial yesterday to prevent a repeat of the 2006 incident in which photos of men urinating on the monument caused an international uproar.

"I think it's a good step and it brings dignity to the site. This is a place of respect," said retired Maj. Michael Pilon, whose photographs sparked a debate on Canada's respect for its war dead.

This year, increased security patrols and a barricade at night complemented the sentries protecting the monument.

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As family and friends mourned the deaths of two passionate cyclists, news emerged yesterday that their support vehicle wasn't with them when they were hit by a car on a Manitoba highway last week. **SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Singer auctions off future earnings

Cape Breton's Ashley MacIsaac puts 50 per cent of pay up on eBay

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It appears oil isn't the only thing Albertans are investing in. One Calgarian may be hoping to hit a

financial gusher with Ashley MacIsaac.

The Cape Breton-born fiddler is auctioning off half his future earnings on eBay, and got a \$1.5 million bid before midnight

Monday.
"From what I have been able to track, they are probably from Calgary," said MacIsaac yesterday. "There is a possibility, through my Law & Order sleuthing, that they are a

real estate agent.

"It could be a fake bid, too."

On the auction block is 50 per cent of the revenues the 33-year-old receives from his work until his death. He has released 10

albums, and earns \$5,000 to \$15,000 per show.

MacIsaac, who once filed for bankruptcy, expects to release a new CD, a retrospective CD and a DVD this year.

The buyer's eBay name

is 0***n, and has previously bid on sweaters, men's shoes and outerwear on the Internet auction site.

Others question whether MacIsaac's the fishy one. He has been accused in the past of crude behavior.

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Gas tax protesters

Protests over B.C.'s new gas tax

VANCOUVER. B.C.'s New Democrats hope to drive their "axe the gas tax" campaign through to May's provincial election, Leader Carole James said yesterday.

Gas prices rose 2.4 cents a litre across the province yesterday with the implementation of B.C.'s carbon tax — the first of its kind in North America.

"We're going to keep this campaign up," said James outside a Chevron station on Kingsway that advertised prices of \$1.52 cents per litre.

"It's not going to end just because it's July 1st. ... We're going to take this right through to the election."

At many places across the Lower Mainland the price exceeded \$1.50 per litre yesterday, among the highest in Canada.

Across the country gas ranged from as low as about \$1.30 in Calgary to \$1.34 in Ottawa and \$1.42 in Halifax, where price is regulated by government.

"It's ridiculous," said Tracy Dinh, 25, at the Kingsway Chevron. "It's affecting my family. It's affecting food prices."

Jenna Walter, 21, filling up at an Esso station at Davie and Burrard streets, said she was trying not to think about the high prices.

"We have to use gas," Walter said.

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B.C.'s carbon tax will gradually increase to 7.2 cents per litre by 2012.

New York magazine founder dead at 82

Publishing pioneer Clay Felker, who founded influential New York magazine and promoted the "new journalism" style of reporting, died at his Manhattan home yesterday, the magazine said. **REUTERS**

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World

"You cannot consider someone a criminal for drinking two beers."

Norton Luiz Lenhart, president of Brazil's restaurant federation, about the tough new drinking and driving laws. **REUTERS**

**anti-Muslim film**

Dutch politician Geert Wilders is planning a sequel to his anti-Muslim film Fitna, the local daily De Telegraaf reports. The move comes after the Dutch Ministry of Justice decided not to prosecute him for inciting hatred with his film denouncing the Koran. **REUTERS**

AU calls for unified government

The African Union has made a rare intervention into internal politics, calling for negotiations in Zimbabwe.

President Robert Mugabe returns to Zimbabwe today under pressure from fellow African leaders to form a national unity government in the wake of his re-election in a violent poll ruled unfair by moni-

EU position

The European Union will only accept a Zimbabwean government headed by opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai, French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner, whose country has taken over the EU presidency, said yesterday.

tors.

An African Union summit in Egypt, attended by Mugabe, approved a resolution calling for him to negotiate with opposition

leader Morgan Tsvangirai, who withdrew from the run-off election because of violence against his supporters.

The resolution fell

short of the tougher statement wanted by some African countries, but it was an unprecedented rebuff to Mugabe, previously feted as a liberation hero.

In the strongest public statement from one of Zimbabwe's neighbours since he was sworn in on Sunday, Botswana called for Mugabe to be barred from the AU and the

southern African regional body SADC.

Last Friday's second-round election, in which he was the only candidate, was condemned by monitors and much of world opinion as violent and unfair.

"In our considered view ... the representatives of the current government in Zimbabwe should be excluded from attending

SADC (Southern African Development Community) and African Union meetings," Botswana Vice-President Mompoti Merafhe said, according to a text of his remarks.

Botswana said Mugabe's participation in African meetings "would give unqualified legitimacy to a process which cannot be considered legitimate".

REUTERS

Water poisoned at Chinese school

CHINA. More than 60 children fell ill after drinking water that may have been deliberately poisoned at a primary school in southern China, state media reported yesterday.

Thirty-four were still in hospital, suffering from headaches and nausea, and the rest were under observation at a rural school in Guangxi province after drinking the water in their school canteen, the Xinhua news agency reported.

The water in the school's storage tank smelled of pesticide and police found an empty bottle that they suspected of containing the poison, Xinhua said.

REUTERS

Magic mushroom effects last a year

DRUGS. The "spiritual" effects of psilocybin from so-called sacred mushrooms last for more than a year and may offer a way to help patients with fatal diseases or addictions, U.S. researchers reported yesterday. **REUTERS**

Spain immigrants intercepted

A would-be immigrant prays after arriving yesterday at the Puerto Rico beach on Spain's Canary island of Gran Canaria. Some 133 would-be immigrants were intercepted aboard two fishing boat on their way to European soil from Africa, Spanish police said.

Euthanasia video stirs controversy

GERMANY. The release of a video showing a former local politician helping a 79-year-old woman commit suicide has caused outrage in Germany and prompted some states to try to tighten their rules on assisted suicide.

Former Hamburg senator Roger Kusch, a prominent right to die campaigner, has said he advised the healthy pensioner on how to prepare a lethal cocktail of sedatives and malaria drugs which would kill her and left her flat shortly before she died.

Kusch filmed nine hours of conversations with unmarried and childless Bettina Schardt, who said she dreaded being taken to a home for the elderly. However, she did not have a terminal illness and said: "I can't say that I am suffering."

It is illegal to help someone commit suicide in Ger-

"What Mr Kusch did was macabre propaganda which has nothing to do with politics."

German Health Minister Ulla Schmidt

many, but Kusch sought to avoid prosecution as he did not personally administer the drugs.

Details of the case, which prosecutors are looking into, were plastered across German media yesterday after Kusch showed extracts of the video at a news conference on Monday.

"What Mr Kusch did was macabre propaganda which has nothing to do with politics," said Health Minister Ulla Schmidt.

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News in brief

IRAN. A court has summoned the managing director of one of Iran's few remaining reformist newspapers for "spreading lies" against hardline President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, the students news agency ISNA reported yesterday. The agency

did not say when Mohammad Javad Haghshenas will appear in court to answer questions about an article published yesterday, questioning Ahmadinejad's belief in the second coming of Shiite Muslims' "hidden" 12th Imam.

RUSSIA. The man suspected of killing Russian reporter Anna Politkovskaya on Oct. 7, 2006, is hiding in Western Europe, Russia's chief criminal investigator, Alexander Bastrykin, was quoted as saying yesterday. **REUTERS**

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Colombia said it plans to repeat next year the 2006 election in which President Alvaro Uribe won his second term. **REUTERS**

French army chief quits

PARIS. France's army chief of staff resigned yesterday after a soldier fired live ammunition instead of blanks at a weekend military show and injured 17 people, the presidential office said.

President Nicolas Sarkozy had pledged to react rapidly and severely following the incident during a military show by the Third Marine Parachute regiment, open to the public in the southern French

low morale

The French media has reported on low morale in some quarters of the military fuelled by government plans to slash military staff numbers, mostly to the detriment of support functions, and to close some military bases.

town of Carcassonne.

The resignation of General Bruno Cuche comes as France looks to revamp its armed forces by slashing

staff numbers and trying to ensure soldiers in the field are better equipped.

The incident highlighted serious breaches in the use of arms and security during demonstrations at public military events, Defence Minister Hervé Morin said in a separate statement.

As a precaution, the defence ministry was suspending the use of blanks during open or public demonstrations, he said.

Morin said Cuche had alluded to such a resignation while travelling to meet the victims of the incident on Sunday, mostly members of the public including a three-year-old boy.

The boy was hit in the heart and in the arm as the crowd watched soldiers simulate an attack.

French media reported that the soldier had been placed under formal investigation.

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Blue hue Tower marks France's EU presidency



The Eiffel Tower in Paris is lit up yesterday as France marks the start of its six-month presidency of the European Union. The 300-metre high tower will take on a blue hue every evening for two months. **REUTERS**

Mass grave in Chechnya?

GROZNY. A human rights watchdog in Chechnya region yesterday demanded an investigation into a suspected mass grave where it said Russian soldiers buried 300 civilians they had killed in an attack.

Chechnya's human rights ombudsman Nurdy Nukhazhiyev said a group

of residents had told him last week about the suspected mass grave, at an asphalt plant about 25 km from the Chechen capital, Grozny.

The ombudsman said it contained the bodies of men, women and children who were killed on Oct. 30, 1999 when their column of

vehicles came under fire from Russian troops.

Russian forces fought two wars against separatists in Chechnya in which both sides killed and tortured civilians. The fighting has subsided and local people are now starting to seek redress for acts of violence. **REUTERS**

News in brief

NEW YORK. New York City's ban on trans-fats in restaurants, the first of its kind among major U.S. cities, took full effect yesterday. The move follows the city's 2003 ban on public smoking. A year ago, New York restaurants were banned from using the artery-clogging fats in cooking oils and spreads. Now, all trans-fat products are banned, although the city will allow a grace period before issuing fines up to \$2,000. **REUTERS**

LONDON. Chewing tobacco and snuff are less dangerous than cigarettes but the smokeless products still raise the risk of oral cancer by 80 per cent, the World Health Organization's cancer agency said yesterday. The review of 11 studies worldwide showed people who chewed tobacco and used snuff also had a 60 per cent higher risk of oesophagus and pancreatic cancer. The researchers sought to quantify the risk of smokeless tobacco after a number of studies differed on just how dangerous the products were, said epidemiologist Paolo Boffetta. **REUTERS**

Egypt Growth



Egyptian citizens walk in a main street in central Cairo. Red and white banners along Nile bridges and Cairo streets this month were Egypt's latest effort to curb an increasingly pressing problem — a population growing faster than the economy can support. **REUTERS**

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Peru, Bolivia rift widens

Peruvian President Alan Garcia would like to tell his Bolivian counterpart Evo Morales to "shut up," he said yesterday, as a diplomatic rift deepened.

Garcia, speaking to re-

porters a day after Peru announced it was recalling its ambassador from Bolivia, said the leftist president needs to be more diplomatic. "I would say ... why don't you shut up?" Garcia said

when asked about Morales, mimicking a line Spanish King Juan Carlos used to last year to admonish Venezuelan president, Hugo Chavez, a close ally of Morales.

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Malaysia Pointing fingers



Malaysia's de facto opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim points yesterday as he asks to enter police headquarters in Shah Alam, outside Kuala Lumpur. Anwar, accused of homosexual assault, led supporters to a police station to complain evidence was cooked up against him on similar charges a decade ago.

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News in brief

EGYPT. Red-and-white banners along Nile bridges and Cairo streets this month were Egypt's latest effort to curb an increasingly pressing problem: A popu-

lation growing faster than the economy can support. Since President Hosni Mubarak took office in 1981, the population has nearly doubled. But most of

the country's 76 million people are squashed in urban areas near the Nile, in an area roughly the size of Switzerland, which is home to 7.5 million. **REUTERS**



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Ford names U.S. sales and marketing vice-president

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Business

Showdown over CAW boss?

SHOWDOWN The Canadian Auto Workers union is heading for a showdown over who will replace president Buzz Hargrove.

Hargrove has called early meetings of the CAW's national executive board, top

administrators and senior staff for next Tuesday to debate and endorse who will lead the union after he retires. Sources say Hargrove will ask the board and the other groups to endorse Ken Lewenza, presi-

dent of CAW Local 444 in Windsor, as the next head of the union.

Hemi Mitic, a veteran assistant of Hargrove, confirmed yesterday he will make a bid for support from the same groups at

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MADRID. Oil producers need to remove barriers to investment to ensure oil markets are well supplied, but are unlikely

to do so as long as prices remain high, Exxon Mobil's CEO Rex Tillerson said yesterday. **REUTERS**

News in brief

NEW YORK. Oil prices rose yesterday on forecasts global supplies will struggle to keep pace with demand and concerns tensions between Israel and Iran could lead to a disruption of exports from the OPEC nation. **REUTERS**

BOSTON. Rhode Island's top court yesterday overturned a landmark lower court ruling that found three former manufacturers of lead paint liable for creating a public nuisance by covering up the health risks of lead paint. **REUTERS**

Housing Heading for crash

DAVID MOIR/REUTERS

A woman walks past property-for-sale and to-let signs in Edinburgh, Scotland yesterday. House prices fell for an eighth straight month in June to stand more than 7 per cent below the peak hit last year, a survey showed, adding to expectations that the once-booming market may crash. **REUTERS**

Toyota cuts prices

TORONTO. Toyota Canada said it is lowering the manufacturer's suggested retail price, or MSRP, by \$1,350 to \$7,900 on 11 current models, including hybrids, regardless of whether a purchase is by cash, lease or financing.

The sticker price on a base Prius dropped \$1,900 to \$27,600; the RAV4 sport utility vehicle, \$1,350 to \$26,050; and the Highlander full-size sport ute, \$2,000 to \$34,900. Among Lexus models, the compa-

ny slashed the price of the base LS series \$5,700 to \$80,100 and the SC series \$7,900 to \$78,200.

Toyota also noted that June hybrid sales shot up 75 per cent from the same month last year, in response to rising fuel prices. Sales of the Prius, the most popular hybrid in Canada, rocketed 412 per cent.

Among other Toyota small cars, the Yaris and Corolla posted increases of 30 and 32 per cent respectively. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



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ENVIRONMENT Beijing took 300,000 high-emission cars off its roads yesterday, as part of measures to clean up the capital's air pollution and ease traffic on perennially clogged highways ahead of the Olympics. **REUTERS**

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Lawmakers urge Bush to boycott

POLITICS Two U.S. Congressmen yesterday urged President George W. Bush to rethink attending the Beijing Olympic Games after they were prevented from meeting Chinese human rights activists.

Congressmen Frank Wolf and Chris Smith said they had come to Beijing to meet Chinese citizens pressing for greater political and religious freedoms, including two who recently met the U.S. president.

But Chinese authorities pressured or forced nearly all the activists from seeing them, the lawmakers and activists said. **REUTERS**

Judo champion to carry Greek flag

HONOURS Olympic judo champion Ilias Iliades will carry the Greek flag at the Beijing Games next month, following a decision by the Hellenic Olympic Committee.

Iliades will be the first athlete to enter the Olympic Stadium on Aug. 8 as Greece is traditionally the first nation to parade.

The judo champion was first in the 81-kg category in the Athens Olympics four years ago but has since moved to the 90-kg category, where he finished second in last year's world championship. **REUTERS**

Ex-Kenya star makes U.S. team

ATHLETICS Kenyan-born Bernard Lagat won the men's 5,000 metres at the U.S. trials to make his first American Olympic team on Monday.

"This is a dream come true," the 33-year-old Lagat said. "Now, I'm part of the USA going to Beijing."

Lagat, who became a U.S. citizen in 2004, won the 1,500 and 5,000 world titles for his adopted country in 2007 but this was his first opportunity to earn a trip to the Games for America. **REUTERS**

Tomorrow's lineup

CANADA'S FASTEST MAN. Pick up tomorrow's Metro to read all about Jared Cannington, the No. 1-ranked sprinter in the country.

36 days remain until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.



Hurdler Perdita Felicien hurt her foot while training in February. "There's a lot of speculation about whether she's able to do this," CBC's Scott Russell said.

Devastating injuries?

Some of Canada's brightest medal hopes may not make it to Games

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Injury and recovery are a part of every athlete's life. But when you're an athlete gunning for gold at the Olympics, the stakes are high when injury strikes.

With the Beijing Summer Games fast approaching, some of Canada's brightest medal hopes — hurdler Perdita Felicien, diver Alexandre Despatie and gymnast Kyle Shewfelt, for example — are recuperating from recent injuries.

It remains to be seen if they can recover in time, the athlete-watchers say.

"They certainly are the types of injuries [that] may affect the performance of those individual athletes," said Scott Russell, host of CBC Olympic Morning and Countdown To Beijing.

Because the Olympics only come around every four years, it's frustrating for athletes when even small injuries occur, said Russell.

"For many athletes, the window is very small," he said. "You're in your prime for a very finite period of time. To have an injury occur before the Olympics can be very devastating."



Gymnast Kyle Shewfelt fractured his tibiae nine months ago.

But injuries can also forge champions, he notes. For example, eight weeks before the 1992 games, rower Silken Laumann was injured when a motorboat collided with her boat. Everyone thought she'd miss the games, but Laumann rebounded to win a bronze medal.

"That was a heroic performance," said Russell. "That kind of thing can, and does, happen."

Competing in the Olympics is pressure enough without worrying about injury, former synchronized swimmer Carolyn Waldo said.

Waldo became the first Canadian female to win two gold medals at one Olympics games in 1988. And while Waldo, now a CTV Ottawa sportscaster, was never injured, the

prospect alone was her biggest fear, she said.

"I didn't do anything that would risk injury," she said.

Although she calls the injuries to current athletes "heart-wrenching," Waldo thinks Canada will do well this summer.

Shewfelt — whose 2004 Olympic gold medal for floor was the first medal ever won by a Canadian in an artistic gymnastics event — fractured both tibiae about nine months ago. But he recently won the vault competition and placed second in floor exercise at the Canadian Olympic Team trials.

"It looks like he'll be able to make a contribution," said Russell.

The world champ at the one- and three-metre springboard from 2005 to



CTV sportscaster and former Olympic synchronized swimmer Carolyn Waldo, pictured at her home in Kanata, Ont., recently, believes Canada will fare well at the Olympics in Beijing, despite injuries to several of its athletes in recent months.

2007, Despatie fractured his right foot in April, but Russell said he's "guessing he'll be able to show the fitness."

The injured athlete who remains questionable is Felicien, who hurt her foot while training in February.

"She hasn't said much about it, and there's a lot of speculation about whether Perdita is able to do this," Russell said. "She's the one that's creating a buzz in the Olympic community."

Cycling Danish rider Michael Rasmussen has been banned for two years by the Monaco Cycling Federation after he was expelled from last year's Tour de France, the International Cycling Union said yesterday. **REUTERS**

NBA In the wake of the National Basketball Association's Tim Donaghy gambling scandal, the league yesterday named retired U.S. Army Major General Ronald Johnson to a newly created position to oversee referees. **REUTERS**

Sports

"I was like, 'Oops, I did it again; I'm out of the semifinals.'"

Elena Dementieva after she survived a mid-match wobble to beat Nadia Petrova and reach Wimbledon's final four.



Baron Clipped

The Los Angeles Clippers have reportedly reached a verbal agreement with point guard Baron Davis on a deal in the range of five years and \$65 million US.

Bourque ready for fresh start

Flames acquire winger from Blackhawks for conditional draft choice

LAURENCE HEINEN
for Metro Calgary



Three years into his National Hockey League career, Rene Bourque has yet to play in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

After being acquired by the Calgary Flames yesterday from the Chicago Blackhawks in exchange for a conditional second round draft choice, Bourque is hoping that will change.

"I'm definitely happy to be a Flame now," Bourque said in a phone interview from his hometown of Lac La Biche. "I'm excited to get a chance to play in the playoffs and hopefully contend for a Stanley Cup."

After putting up 34 points in 77 games in his

major moves

- The Chicago Blackhawks captured headlines on the first day of free agency, signing top defenceman Brian Campbell to an eight-year contract and also tying up the services of talented netminder Cristobal Huet.
- Curtis Joseph returned to Toronto, signing a one-year deal to play as a backup for the Maple Leafs next season. Toronto also added defenceman Jeff Finger and winger Niklas Hagman.
- The Tampa Bay Lightning signed veteran goaltender Olaf Kolzig to a one-year contract.
- The Washington Capitals signed goaltender Jose Theodore to a two-year contract.
- The Anaheim Ducks locked up Corey Perry with a five-year contract.
- The Carolina Hurricanes acquired Joni Pitkanen from the Edmonton Oilers in exchange for forward Erik Cole.
- The Columbus Blue Jackets acquired winger Raffi Torres from the Edmonton Oilers in exchange for forward Gilbert Brule.

rookie season, Bourque slumped to 17 points in 44 games the next season before scoring 10 goals and 14 assists in 62 games with Chicago last year.

"It's going to be a new fresh start for me," said the 6-foot-2, 213-pound forward. "Whatever role they want me to play, I want to step in and contribute in

any way I can to help the team win."

Flames general manager Darryl Sutter said Bourque will fit in one of Calgary's top three lines next season.

"He will be an important part of the remaking of our left side along with other young players already under contract," Sutter said.

The Flames also acquired forward Kyle Greentree from the Philadelphia Flyers for defenceman Tim Ramholt on Monday.

"Kyle has a legitimate opportunity of playing on our team this season and hopefully Tim has a shot with Philadelphia," Sutter said.



Rene Bourque

Rambo proving to be worth every penny

DAN TOTH
for Metro Calgary



The Calgary Stampeders made an investment in Ken-Yon Rambo and after just one week it looks like the team spent its cash wisely.

After training camp last month the CFL club signed the import receiver to a contract extension, locking up the 29-year-old Californian for three more years.

Rambo responded in the season-opening win over the B.C. Lions with a career-high eight receptions for 136 yards and one touchdown.

"This is a great town and I don't want to leave here," smiled Rambo,



"This is a great town and I don't want to leave here"

Stampeders receiver Ken-Yon Rambo

who first came to the Stampede City in the spring of 2005.

The former Dallas Cowboy has averaged more than 50 receptions per season with the Red and White after four years in the NFL.

Last season Rambo set career-high marks with 62 catches for 983 yards while his 10 touchdowns tied for the league lead.

Despite two fumbles in the opener against the Lions, Rambo redeemed himself with a jaw-drop-

ping 23-yard grab late in the contest that required a video review.

Rambo is confident about expectations this season for both himself and the Stampeders.

"That just shows you that when we execute we can beat anybody," said Rambo, whose late-game grab set up an insurance field goal.

"My fumbles could have hurt us but we took care of it ... to beat B.C. was an emotional game but we have to stay disciplined each week and

everything else will take care of itself."

Rambo's consistency is just one reason Stamps QB Henry Burris will make the ex-Ohio State star a prime target this season and beyond.

"He's big-time and he shows steady improvement year in and year out," said Burris, whose Stamps travel to Edmonton tomorrow night to face the Eskimos (8 p.m. TSN).

"That shows you why we went to him on numerous occasions (in Week 1) and he answered the call. He dropped a couple on the ground ... but we're confident in him and will continue to go to him and that's why he signed a big deal with us."

"He's a great player, we're grateful to have him and so am I."

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MLB players down on derby

MLB Major League Baseball's All-Star Game is in New York, but Yankees star Alex Rodriguez isn't interested in taking part in the annual home run derby. Find out why by reading the York Report at www.metronews.ca.

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LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Baltimore 7 Kansas City 5
Chicago White Sox 3 Cleveland 2 (10 ings)
Minnesota 6 Detroit 4
Tampa Bay 3 Boston 1
Texas 3 N.Y. Yankees 2
Oakland at L.A. Angels
Toronto at Seattle
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Colorado 4 San Diego 0
L.A. Dodgers 7 Houston 6 (11 ings)
N.Y. Mets 7 St. Louis 4
Philadelphia 8 Atlanta 3
Pittsburgh 6 Cincinnati 5 (11 ings)
Washington 9 Florida 6
Milwaukee at Arizona
Chicago Cubs at San Francisco

TODAY'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Detroit at Minnesota, 11:10
Oakland at L.A. Angels, 1:35
Texas at N.Y. Yankees, 5:05
Kansas City at Baltimore, 5:05
Boston at Tampa Bay, 5:10
Cleveland at Chicago W. Sox, 6:11
Toronto at Seattle, 8:10
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Washington at Florida, 10:10
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 5:10
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 5:10
L.A. Dodgers at Houston, 6:05
N.Y. Mets at St. Louis, 6:15
San Diego at Colorado, 7:05
Milwaukee at Arizona, 7:40
Chicago Cubs at San Francisco, 8:15

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Series Preview



Ace Evan Greusel pitched seven strong innings to lead the Calgary Vipers to a 6-2 win over the Long Beach Armada on Sunday.

Greusel gets Vipers on track

Pitching ace eyes championship for team

LAURENCE HEINEN
for Metro Calgary



All the Calgary Vipers needed to break out of an extended slump was an appearance on the mound by their ace Evan Greusel.

Following four straight losses at home, Greusel pitched seven strong innings on Sunday afternoon to lead the Vipers to a 6-2 win over the Long Beach Armada in front of 1,583 fans at Foothills Stadium.

With the win, Greusel improved his record to 6-0, while his earned run average remained steady at 2.10, good enough for second best in the league behind Derrick Loop of the Chico Outlaws.

"For me it's a good start but for the team it's an even better start," said Greusel of the Vipers who improved their record to 22-11 with a 12-9 win in Edmonton over the Cracker-Cats on Monday night.

"He's been outstanding all year so far," said Calgary manager Mike Busch, who will guide the GBL all-star team against the Unit-

"(Greusel's) been outstanding all year so far."

Manager Mike Busch

ed Baseball League all-star squad on July 15 in San Angelo, Texas. "He's strong; he's got command of his pitches. Most importantly, he's being aggressive down in the zone and he's making (hitters) swing at his pitches."

Heading into last night's Canada Day clash in Edmonton against the Cats (17-16), the Vipers held a 4-½ game lead atop the North Division standings of the Golden Baseball League.

The same two teams will play tonight and tomorrow at Foothills Stadium (7:05 p.m. start times).

"They are playing really well and they have a lot of veterans over there too," said Greusel, who isn't slated to pitch again until Friday when Calgary travels to Long Beach to play the Armada.

At the end of last season, the 28-year-old California native actually contemplat-

ed retirement before he found out the Vipers were leaving the Northern League and joining the Golden League.

"I had a good talk with Buschie and I have never played on the West Coast," said Greusel who grew up in Diamond Bar, a suburb just west of Los Angeles and about a 20-minute drive north of Long Beach. "I think I have about 15 family members and about another 10 or 15 friends coming to the 4th of July game this year (in Long Beach)."

While Greusel will work hard to prepare himself for that contest, which will kick off a nine-game road trip to end the first half of the season, he will also help the rest of the Calgary pitching staff prepare for the Edmonton series.

In addition to returning for this season as the Vipers' ace, Greusel was given some additional responsibilities as Calgary's pitching coach.

While he has coaching aspirations, Greusel hopes to help the Vipers win a championship this season before mapping out the rest of his future.

Hometown boys savour old rivalry

LAURENCE HEINEN
for Metro Calgary



Colin Moro and Travis Drader know all about the heated Calgary-Edmonton rivalry.

"Growing up with the Calgary-Edmonton rivalry, of course we want to beat them for sure," said Moro, whose Calgary Vipers will play the Edmonton Cracker-Cats tonight and tomorrow at Foothills Stadium (7:05 p.m. start times). "I didn't really know how this rivalry was until I actually got to start the year off here. It's pretty intense."

Both Moro and Drader spent their formative years playing baseball in Calgary and have followed similar paths on their way to cracking the lineup of the Vipers this season.

"We wake up every day and we can't get the smiles off our faces," said Moro, who was born in Calgary and likes to give Drader a hard time about the fact he was actually born in Edmonton. "We get to be surrounded by guys that have been in the major leagues. We just learn a lot all the time."

Although he was born in Alberta's capital city, Drader moved to Calgary while he was in elementary school and played Little League here before graduating to the Babe Ruth ranks where he played against and with Moro.

"Then I go to school down

in Louisiana and he goes to school down in Louisiana about an hour and a half away from us and he plays against our team," said Drader, who went to Louisiana-Monroe University, while Moro went to Louisiana State University in Shreveport.

Last year, the talented twosome helped the Okotoks Dawgs win a Western Major Baseball League championship before both graduated to the pro ranks with the Vipers for this campaign.

"We went back to Okotoks the other day to get our rings and just to relive all that from last summer was just amazing for both of us," Moro said.

Moro, an outfielder, has put up decent statistics with a .289 batting average and an impressive .438 on-base percentage as of Monday.

Drader, who plays third base, has had a hot bat recently and raised his average to .313, which included a 2-for-5 performance at the plate during a 12-9 win for the Vipers over the Cracker-Cats in Edmonton on Monday night.

"Definitely in this league, there's a lot more velocity so you just try to get your hands going and get a pitch to hit," said Drader, who has hit five home runs including a pair in one game last week against the Reno Silver Sox. "Hopefully we can just keep swinging the bats and our pitchers can pitch like they can."

Vipers stats

> All nine starters for the Calgary Vipers had at least one hit during a 12-9 win in Edmonton over the Cracker-Cats on Monday night.

> Jorge Mejia led the way by going 3-for-5 with a pair of home runs, six runs batted in and a trio of runs scored. In the process he raised his batting average to .323

> Clean-up hitter Felix Jose had two hits in five at bats, while Drew Miller went 1-for-4 with a sacrifice fly. The pair of power hitters led the Vipers with .423 and .409 batting averages respectively. Rookie Travis Drader continued his hot streak by hammering two hits including a triple, while Nelson Castro and Jose Morban both pounded a pair of hits.

> Darryl Brinkley, Patrick Artis and Colin Moro contributed to the hitting parade with one single each.

> With the win, the Vipers (22-11) took a 4-½ game lead over the Cracker-Cats (17-16) heading into last night's Canada Day clash between the Alberta rivals in Edmonton.

> The two teams meet up six more times before the end of the first half with games in Calgary tonight, tomorrow and Thursday before the Vipers visit Edmonton again for a three-game set July 11-13.

"Growing up with the Calgary-Edmonton rivalry, of course we want to beat them for sure."

Colin Moro

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Forester flavour, fresh package

Subaru model longer, taller and wider

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Completely reworked for 2009, Subaru has steered the Forester from the 'tall wagon on stilts' formula of the first and second generations to a more generic 'Japanese Cute-Ute' styling instead.

The new Forester is longer, taller and wider than before, all in an effort to maximize interior space — one of its predecessor's drawbacks. The wheelbase grows by 90 mm, all of it directed at enhancing rear seat comfort.

Other notable changes include adopting a modified version of the suspension underpinning Subaru's Impreza model, but with generous ground clearance still a key attribute.

Powerwise, the latest Forester still offers two versions of the 2.5-litre four-cylinder 'boxer' engine. The normal air-breathing version now features improved valve operation to help produce 170 horsepower, while the twin-turbocharged version brings 224 hp.

Both engines are mounted slightly lower in the chassis to aid handling and crash safety.

The powertrains are rounded out with either a five-speed manual (with electronic hill hold) or four-speed automatic transmissions, as well as Subaru's standard 'symmetrical' all-wheel-drive system.

Despite its gains in size, the Forester remains a dedicated five-seater.

The cabin follows the Impreza's theme, with big sweeping lines on the dash evoking the Tribeca.

The gauges are crisp and clear, while the audio controls are mounted high to aid access and legibility.

The materials used are of a standard higher than found in the Impreza, but there's still room for improvement.

Neat touches abound, like the multi-functional centre console that can be configured in numerous ways to store drinks or purses.

Standard features included heated front seats, roof rails, splash guards, privacy glass and steering wheel-mounted audio controls.

Your choices include base 2.5X, Touring and Limited models, all with generous levels of equipment.

The \$25,795 'X' gets the previously mentioned standard items, along with 16-inch steel wheels, air conditioning, tilt/telescopic steering wheel and a four-speaker AM/FM/CD/MP3/WMA audio system.

Moving up to the Touring level (\$27,995) adds alloy wheels, a power sliding moonroof, halogen fog



With its blend of performance and capability, improvements and competitive pricing, the 2009 Forester will surely find many happy owners.

2009 Subaru Forester

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Highlights:

- Car-like 'crossover' with standard all-wheel-drive
- Roomier interior
- Safety features
- Standard equipment
- On-road ride and handling



The new Forester has maximized interior space — one of the drawbacks of its predecessor.

lights, wiper de-icers, chrome door handles, rear-seat cushion table with integrated cup holders, reclining rear seats and a cargo tray.

The \$34,895 Limited tops things off with 17-inch alloy wheels, four-speed automatic, HID headlights, a stainless steel rear bumper step

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Water, water everywhere

Denmark-born artist Olafur Eliasson's newly unveiled public art installation 'The New York City Waterfalls' is seen in front of the Statue of Liberty on June 26 in New York City. Four massive waterfalls using water pumped from the river have been installed along the East River through mid-October 2008. GETTY IMAGES

Quebec spas go wet and wild

Taking a road trip to visit the province's nature spas proves highly refreshing

ANNE DIMON
for Metro Calgary



From Gatineau to Tremblant, Quebec's outdoor spas offer visitors a variety of ways to take the waters with nature as a splendid backdrop.

Le Nordik

It's Friday noon at Le Nordik Nature Spa and people are already lined up to enjoy a day of social bathing, Nordic-style.

This three-year-old outdoor spa — where the waters run hot, cold and tepid — is apparently a hot spot for Parliament Hill types who, we're told, make the 12-minute drive to take the waters on a fairly regular basis. Sitting pretty on a rocky piece of property at the front door of Gatineau Park, Le Nordik is one of several nature spas I discovered on the route between Gatineau and Tremblant.

The taking of the waters for health and wellbeing is a European practice dating at least as far back as Romans times, and tends to be more of a health and wellness activity than a spa experience.

Here, Quebec offers the largest collection of spas where the focus is primarily on the taking the waters. But unlike in Europe, where seeing guests walking from sauna to steam room to shower in their birthday suits is quite common, there will be no flashing of bare bottoms at these spas. There are separate change rooms for men and women, and robes (some spas ask that you bring your own), and towels or bathing suits are a must.

Along with four outdoor pools plus hot tubs, Finnish sauna, steam bath, a Nordic (read ice-cold) waterfall, and various lounge areas spread around a terraced lot, Le Nordik also



At Quebec spa Le Nordik, visitors can take the waters while taking in the magnificent natural scenery.

On the web

Day passes to all three of these outdoor spas are around \$40 per person. For more information, visit:
- Le Nordik, www.lenordik.com
- Le Scandinave — www.scandinave.com
- Ofuro — www.spaofuro.com
- Chateau Beauvallon — www.chateaubeauvallon.com

holds the distinction of being one of the few nature spas with a licensed, all-day, poolside restaurant.

It serves a varied selection of dishes including healthier choices such as fresh fish and vegetable wraps, plus a signature platter of local artisan cheeses paired with wines.

There are

also more than a dozen treatment rooms for a variety of massages — no other treatments are offered, which is fairly typical of these Nordic-style spas. An on-site lodge can accommodate a group of up to 12 people.

Ofuro Spa

Several hour's drive north, near the town of Morin-Heights in the Laurentians, Ofuro Spa is a nature spa that is, as the brochure says, "a truly zen experience." Drenched in a Japanese-theme — pagoda-style architecture, Japanese art, furnishings and sculptures are

everywhere — Ofuro is certainly one of Canada's most uniquely-decorated and exotic spas.

To the sounds of a mountain stream cascading over boulders, guests breathe in the fresh air and soak up the benefits of nature from one of several pools, from lounge chairs set out on various decks, or while snuggling in a swaying hammock. Unlike many such spas that offer only massages, Ofuro's menu of spa services includes pedicures, facials, body wraps and scrubs. We stayed the night in one of five relatively new guest rooms each nicely decorated

and with en-suites and spread around a community lounge where continental breakfast is served.

Le Scandinave

Not far from Ofuro and just a few minutes drive from the Village of Tremblant is Le Scandinave.

Considered the grand dame of Quebec's Nordic-style spas, it is not only the oldest, but the largest.

Perched on the banks of the Diable River (good for devilishly cold dips), the spa offers rooms for massages, a collection of pools, saunas, steam rooms and hot tubs spread around a multi-terraced lot, plus various relaxation areas both in-

doors and out.

I especially liked the Zero Gravity Room where lounge chairs fold down flat for easy napping in a serene environment.

Taking the waters can be exhausting to the system. There's a small bistro serving sandwiches, soups and juices and while there are no accommodations at Le Scandinave, Chateau Beauvallon, a lovely inn located just a few kilometres away, offers a free year-round shuttle.

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Here, dining goes down the toilet

Eat out of porcelain bowl at Taipei café

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I never thought I'd be caught eating out of a toilet bowl, but there I was, scooping out chunks of brown stuff from a lime green loo. The loose watery goo looked remarkably like you-know-what, but I tried not to think about it. Instead, I chose to wash the slop down with yellow liquid served from a plastic bed pan.

This is a typical lunch at the Modern Toilet restaurant, a kitschy café in the heart of Taipei's Shilin district.

It's fair to say that the restaurant's theme is crap. The décor is bathroom-like: blue tiles, toilet paper dispensers, mirrors along the wall and shower curtains hung from the ceilings. Guests sit on toilets (seats down boys) and eat over sink-style tables.

Actual dishes take the form of toilet bowls, while cups look like mini urinals. There are toilet chachkas around the room and spiral brown clumps of doggie doo-doo on the tables.

It's an unusual gimmick but given the first Modern Toilet restaurant opened four years ago and has expanded into a franchise of some 10 restaurants

around the city, it's clearly a hit, drawing a clientele of mostly young people in high school and university.

Sitting atop my porcelain throne I had a look at the menu. According to a small poo symbol (located beside certain items on the menu) Japanese-style hot pots, hot chili chicken and the cheesy noodles are some of the most popular dishes.

Though the food was decent, gourmet cuisine

let humour is an inescapable topic of conversation.

Sitting at a table nearby were Helen and Rachel, two twentysomethings who just graduated from the University of Toronto. On their celebratory week-long trip to Taiwan, the toilet restaurant topped their list of local tourist attractions. After visiting Taipei 101, currently the world's tallest building (a record soon to be



At the Modern Toilet, a café popular with students, dishes include stool-coloured curried chicken and yellow beverages.

certainly isn't the main reason that most people come.

A visit here begs the question: Why would anyone want to eat out of a mock toilet bowl? There's something truly revolting about combining human waste with food, yet Modern Toilet makes this concept fun, subtly challenging the cultural taboos of poo.

Back at home, dinner discussions about bowel movements aren't exactly encouraged but here, toi-

overturned by Shanghai and Dubai), Modern Toilet was the next hotspot on their list.

Between bites of stool-coloured curried chicken, they admitted that a trip here made great fodder for Facebook photographs.

"This toilet restaurant is fun," said one of the girls, taking a sip of strawberry milkshake from her bedpan inspired cup. "It's the shit."

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Roughly 150 people, among them Garry Shandling and Bill Maher, turned up at a private memorial for late comedian George Carlin in Los Angeles on Sunday, which was closed off to both the public and the media. **E! NEWS ONLINE**

Entertainment



sophomore

Lily Allen has completed recording sessions for her second album, BBC News Online reports. The singer told Newsbeat she is yet to name the follow up to Alright Still.

New wrinkle for oldest toys

RICK MCGINNIS
for Metro Calgary



FEATURE "I love the American Girls," Abigail Breslin tells the roomful of reporters at a Los Angeles press event for her new movie, *Kit Kittredge: An American Girl*. "I collect them all, and I've collected them since I was, like, 8 or something. Kit was always one my favourites, so it was fun to get to play her."

If you don't have a clue what they're talking about,

chances are you don't live in regular proximity to a little girl anywhere between the ages of 4 and 12. Two weekends ago, the *Kit Kittredge* film starring Breslin as the plucky little girl coping with hard times during the Great Depression took in \$220,000 US in just five U.S. theatres at a whopping \$20 a ticket, as a prologue to its wide release this weekend — a bigger per-theatre average than anything else that's opened this summer.

Dolls are perhaps the

oldest known toy, and examples have been found in archaeological digs in Egypt, Greece and Rome. The branded doll appeared for the first time around World War One with Raggedy Ann and the road was paved for Barbie, Blythe, Chatty Cathy, Sindy, Strawberry Shortcake and the Cabbage Patch kids.

This "surrogate child and perfect friend," as Scott describes them was given a new wrinkle when writer and teacher Pleas-

ant T. Rowland decided that something was needed to bridge the gap between baby dolls and Barbie, and founded American Girl in 1986 with a line of mail-order historical dolls whose stories were filled in with a best-selling line of books and accessories. Bought by Mattel, Barbie's corporate home, in 1998, the company has sold by its own reckoning 14 million dolls and 123 million books.

This is an audience base that any movie producer

would long to tap, one that makes pilgrimages to the three American Girl Place stores (in

Chicago, New York and Los Angeles) — tiny replicas of old-style department stores like Bloomingdales, where they can browse rooms set



Abigail Breslin

up to showcase each doll, have their doll's hair styled, take in a stage show or unwind with finger sandwiches in the tea room.

Speaking from experience, a lone father will wander through this well-appointed little world feeling like an alien with a wallet. Those wallets will be opened again and again this weekend when *Kit Kittredge: An American Girl* opens wide across North America, and again when the DVD is released.

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Hancock generic hero

Hancock
Director: **Peter Berg**
Stars: **Will Smith, Jason Bateman, Charlize Theron**
Rating: **PG-13**
Grade: **B+**

BRIAN TOWIE
for Metro Calgary



REVIEW Take two cups of Wolverine, add one teaspoon of Iron Man and a pinch of Hulk. Microwave on high for two to three minutes. Let stand before serving.

Director Peter Berg's (Friday Night Lights) superhero drama might stand out if it wasn't released in this, the summer of the anti-hero. Comic book aficionados will instantly spot the patchwork of some of the genre's classically corruptible characters that make up Will Smith's flawed protagonist: Hancock drinks like

Tony Stark, causes mayhem like Bruce Banner's better half (and I don't mean Betty Ross), and like everyone's favourite Canadian X-Man, is a nearly indestructible, ill-tempered boor who can't remember his past. And, like all three, he has his heart in the right place when it comes to saving the world — he just has to overcome his inner demons.

That said, Hancock redeems itself as a passable standalone action movie. There's wanton destruction and the thugs who provoke Smith reap their whirlwinds — there's a memorable prison scene where he introduces a cell mate's head to another's rectum, incidentally. The trio of Smith, Bateman (playing a PR rep out to shine up Hancock's public image) and Theron (Bateman's wife with a secret of her own) generates some



Will Smith

pathos and keeps a viewer interested.

But part of the reason why successful comic book movies do so well at the box office is the longtime reader's thirst to see how their hero transcends the page onto the screen. In the character of Hancock, there's no history, no previous emotional investment, no longtime arch-villain to match his off-the-charts power. Hancock is a generic flying musclehead at best, and one that should pass out of our imaginations faster than a speeding bullet.

Wanted tops worldwide ticket sales

BOX OFFICE Angelina Jolie is the most Wanted woman at the foreign box office. Her action thriller, which opened at No. 2 in North America with surprisingly strong weekend sales of \$51 million, was the top choice internationally with \$32.5 million from 22 territories.

It opened at No. 1 in 18 markets, highlighted by a record-breaking bow in Russia (\$11 million), where Wanted director Timur Bekmambetov enjoyed such hits as Night Watch and Day Watch. Other No. 1 openings included Thailand, Ukraine, Turkey and Poland.

Wanted will be confronted this coming weekend by Will Smith superhero Hancock, which is set to open in 49 territories.

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First, pop star Madonna's brother Christopher Ciccone (right) writes a memoir about being her brother. And now, the New York Post reports he's shopping around a reality show about the same exact thing.

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DVD picks

In Bruges

Genre: **Comedy/Drama**
 Director: **Martin McDonagh**
 Stars: **Colin Farrell, Brendan Gleeson, Ralph Fiennes**
 Rating: **18A**
 Grade: **B+**

A rude and riotous laughter set in a tongue-twisting Belgian burg where people take medieval studies, tourism and troublemakers very seriously. It's the feature debut of British playwright Martin McDonagh, whose stage creations have included such midnight characters as a skeleton-smashing gravedigger and siblings who shoot their pa.

Ken (Brendan Gleeson) and Ray (Colin Farrell) are Irish hit men on the lam from a botched job in London that left a young boy accidentally dead. They've been sent to Bruges by their gangster boss Harry (Ralph Fiennes), a furious man who may once have smiled. And if he did smile, it was on a holiday to Bruges, where the castles, churches and fairies charmed him.

Be warned: In Bruges is loaded with profanity and dialogue that polite company would deem sexist, racist and cruel, especially towards short,

fat, obnoxious, whiny or Canadian people. Most of the oaths are uttered in such a thick Irish brogue, however, that you might miss the worst of them.

Heathers

Genre: **Comedy/Crime**
 Director: **Michael Lehmann**
 Stars: **Winona Ryder, Christian Slater**
 Rating: **14A**
 Grade: **B+**

A generation on, Heathers seems even more shocking now than at the time of its 1988 issue.

It's impossible to think in this post-Columbine era that a movie about student psychopaths killing each other and themselves while laying waste to their school would pass muster in the court of popular opinion. Winona Ryder and Christian Slater cemented their edgy images playing disturbed lovers who seek to get even with the jocks and bitches who ruled Westenberg High. Back then, it was intended as the blackest of satires, even if student suicides were (and continue to be) a serious social problem. Proudly geekish screenwriter Daniel Waters was the Diablo Cody of

his day, author of such zeitgeist-ready phrases as "What's your damage?" — which he now admits he stole from a friend in Canada.

Much imitated, with everything from Mean Girls to Jennifer's Body (Cody's post-Juno movie, currently in production) dropping references to it and copping its bleak hipster vibe, Heathers is a better influence than it is a movie. Director Michael Lehmann lensed it on the leanest of budgets, so strapped for cash he brags on the commentary track about being allowed to do a single crane shot.

That commentary, which includes Waters and producer Denise Di Novi, was released a decade ago, which is why it doesn't refer to the 1999 Columbine High student slayings that spookily tracked Heathers, right down to copying Slater's black trench coat. The trio refers briefly to Columbine in a featurette that is the only new thing in this two-disc set. They dodge comparisons, arguing that Heathers came out in a more innocent time, when it could be taken as fantasy and not as horrifically accurate social commentary.

L'Âge des ténèbres (Days of Darkness)

Genre: **Comedy**
 Director: **Denys Arcand**
 Stars: **Marc Labrèche**
 Rating: **14A**
 Grade: **B+**

The final chapter in Denys Arcand's trilogy of modern sex and values that began in 1986 with The Decline of the American Empire and continued with The Barbarian Invasions in 2003, Days of Darkness is perhaps the bleakest vision of the three films. Yet writer/director Arcand manages to keep things upbeat, even while summoning empathy for his view that the world is disintegrating into a mess of disease, destruction and senseless bureaucracy.

Quebec actor Marc Labrèche plays the Walter Mitzy-ish Jean-Marc, a man so dull, even the sex-crazed babes in his fantasies complain he's a loser.

In one fantasy sequence, he imagines himself as the famous author of an autobiography titled A Man of No Interest.

Torstar News Service

Makers set September release for Rock Band 2

GAMING The makers of video game Rock Band 2 said Monday the sequel to last year's best-selling predecessor Rock Band will be released for the Xbox in September, months ahead of key rival Guitar Hero.

Rock Band 2 makers Harmonix Music Systems Inc, Electronic Arts Inc and MTV games, a unit of Viacom Inc, said the new version would include more instruments, a new sound-

track and an online community. Music downloads for the first Rock Band will be compatible with Rock Band 2.

The game will be available initially for Microsoft Corp's Xbox, with versions for other game consoles released later in the year.

Further details are expected to be revealed at the E3 video game conference in Los Angeles later this month.

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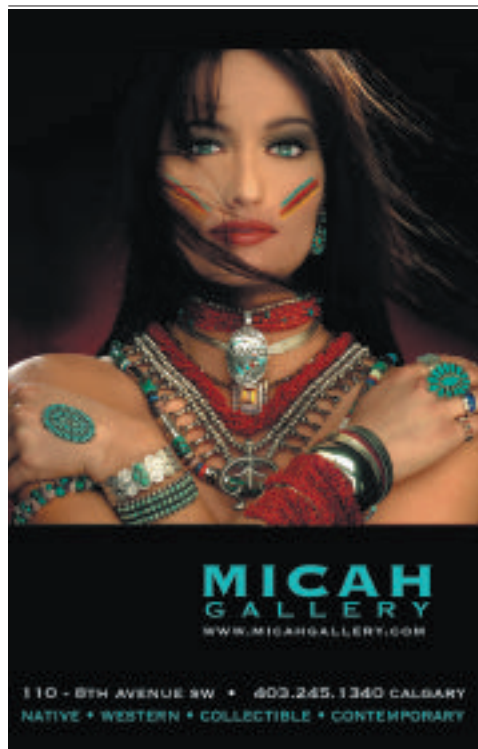


X-Files star Gillian Anderson, left, will produce and star in a biopic of Martha Gellhorn, the pioneering female war correspondent who covered the Spanish Civil War and married Ernest Hemingway. **EW.COM**

Entertainment in brief

LONDON, ENGLAND. A film enthusiast has discovered a long lost interview with Beatles from 1964 which has not been

broadcast since. Richard Jeffs came across 64 canisters of film stored in a damp garage in South London. **REUTERS**



Pros/cons of the thong

Today, I am no longer "woman who sits at desk wondering if she bought the right toilet bowl cleaner." Today, I am "wild ravishing temptress woman." I am a saucy, seductive love puppy. I am goddess. I am Eve. I am the proud owner of my very first thong.

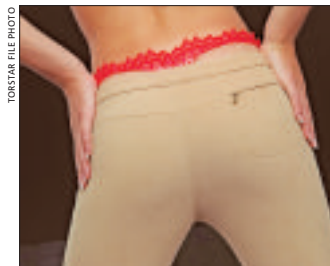
I've always wanted a thong. To some women, this is akin to saying, "I've always wanted to have my eyebrows removed with gardening shears." But I have excellent reasons for wanting a thong.

First, panty lines. They are very bad. Although, in an age when celebrities are caught on camera seriously underdressed, it might be wise to let people know you are wearing underwear.

Secondly, if our fashion choices say something about us, my current underwear is screaming, "hasn't been in a lingerie store since 1998."

Finally, am assured that thong will make my bottom look fabulous without having to resort to unreasonable measures such as avoiding iced lattes or joining a gym. The thong saleswoman insists that my rear end will look just like Halle Berry's. I buy six.

7 a.m./DOT (Day of the Thong): Insert thong. Check out rear end in mirror. Strangely, rear end does not



Columnist Anne Hines discusses the good, the bad and the ugly when it comes to the controversial thong.

look like Halle Berry's. Must be bad lighting.

9:30 a.m.: At work. Wondering why no one has commented on sexy new me. One person does say, "Are you winning?"

11 a.m.: Starting to wonder if saleswoman directed me to right size. Hard to feel sexy while wondering if thong will have to be surgically removed from backside by lunchtime.

1 p.m. Convinced that saleswoman was absent or drunk during training session on how to size a thong. Maybe both. Coworker shares that she calls thongs "fanny gnats"; they're annoying and they're everywhere.

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3:30 p.m.: Thong has migrated from previous uncomfortable position into worse position. Call thong-wearing friend for advice.

Thong-wearing friend: It takes a while to find what's right for your body type.

Me: How long did it take you?

TWF: So far, about six years.

5 p.m.: Head home attempting not to walk as if there is a thong stuck up my backside. Which there really is.

7 p.m.: Prepare to discard thong. I am not wild, seductress woman. I am "woman destined to live in Joe boxers." Partner walks in and says, "Wow, that makes your rear end look like Halle Berry's." Don't care if it's a fib. I'm keeping the thong.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.

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Actress Lindsay Lohan's father Michael, right, has said he provided a DNA sample for a paternity test yesterday and is convinced the results will shoot down a woman's claim that he fathered a daughter with her while he was separated from ex-wife Dina Lohan. **E! NEWS ONLINE**



Wax Winehouse to be unveiled in London

MUSIC. A waxwork model of British soul singer Amy Winehouse will be unveiled at London's Madame Tussauds in late July, the museum said on Monday.

The 24-year-old, who will appear with her trademark beehive hair and sailor tattoos, joins the likes of Jimi Hendrix, The Beatles, Beyonce and Justin Timberlake in a new music zone at the popular tourist destination.

"She is a real icon in modern British music, a continual award winner, and an internationally recognised star widely requested by our guests," said Madame Tussauds general manager Edward Fuller.

"Feedback for her inclusion just keeps growing and growing, and we are keen to reflect that popular public opinion."

Winehouse is a tabloid favourite for her erratic behaviour and public battle with drug addiction.

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Winehouse

Winehouse is a tabloid favourite for her erratic behaviour and public battle with drug addiction as well as for her musical talent which won her five Grammy awards in February.

She performed twice over the weekend - at Nelson Mandela's tribute concert in London and at the Glastonbury music festival in southwest England. Many fans and critics said her performances at both were unconvincing.

The singer was diagnosed with an early case of lung condition emphysema earlier this month.

REUTERS

Mad Men has depth, truth

MAD FOR IT: I spent the better part of last weekend in a Beverly Hills hotel room watching the season one box set of *Mad Men*, and I don't actually regret a moment. AMC's critical hit returns later this month for a second season, and the first season can either be relived every Sunday on CTV or consumed in one mighty swig in the box set that hit the shelves this week.

Aside from the brilliant packaging — a big Zippo lighter — there's a rare wholeness to the debut season of Matthew Weiner's series about the messy lives of the men and women working and living in the orbit of a Madison Avenue ad agency at the dawn of the '60s. It's shows like *Mad Men* that make people talk about television today being the new novel, the "narrative of our times that gives our lives meaning and shape," as the BBC's head of fiction claimed over the weekend.

I imagine that those people lucky enough to get stuck in at the start of the first season of *The Sopranos* probably felt much the same way as I did as I watched the AMC show unfold from an intriguing retro premise into a drama more substantial than the sum of

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its often very attractive parts.

There are, of course, a few flaws and logical speed bumps that you need to squint hard to ignore — Peggy's pregnancy, concealed (even from herself!) behind an anxious weight gain, and Don's sudden eruption of jealousy after his drunk boss makes a pass at his wife — an inkling of emotional need that seems to come out of nowhere. Considering what Weiner and his cast get right, you can let them recede in the rear-view mirror.

Much is made of the historical verisimilitude of the show, but it's the details that have nothing to do with costumes or props that resonate, especially for anyone with a passing memory of a time before smoke-free airplane flights, car seats and cholesterol. There's the scene where Don (Jon Hamm) and wife Betty (January Jones) come home well-lubricated from a

celebratory evening out, giddy and lit up, then wake up the next morning visibly crippled by the toxic half-life of so much booze and cigarettes. You can almost feel the dry eyes, full-body headache and sewer mouth. It's not that nobody does it today, but that no one did it then and imagined that it might have adverse consequences on their health.

It might be a man's, man's, man's world on Madison Avenue, but the writing for the women's parts on the show increased immensely over the course of the season, not only for Elizabeth Moss' pivotal Peggy, but for Jones' Betty and especially Christina Hendricks' Joan, the statuesque queen of the steno pool.

From our comfortable perch on the ridge just past the end of the century, we know that Don, Betty, Peggy, Pete, Sal and the rest of the gang at Sterling Cooper are headed into a social and cultural gauntlet, and that despite the anxiety and flashes of trouble that rumble and knife through the first season, the ride is only going to get bumpier.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

Model's death ruled suicide

NEW YORK, UNITED STATES. A 20-year-old woman identified by local media as Kazakh supermodel Ruslana Korshunova plunged to her death from a Manhattan apartment Saturday in an apparent suicide.

Police said only that the woman was discovered dead in front of an apartment building in downtown Manhattan, near the financial district and the South Street Seaport tourist area. **REUTERS**

New lover moves in on Housewives

TELEVISION. Neal McDonough has joined the cast of *Desperate Housewives* in a recurring role as a white-collar resident who is expected to get romantically involved with one of the housewives. **REUTERS**

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The Property Shop

She gave up a six-figure salary? What?? Apparently money can't buy happiness. This new series follows Tatiana as she quits her lucrative job to open her own real estate business in Montreal. In doing so, she has to deal with the competition, sometimes ruthless junior agents, and her personal life as a mother and wife. 6 PM on HGTV



Northern Exposure

Maurice (Barry Corbin), who isn't fond of strangers, is irritated more than usual by the sudden influx of Japanese tourists who've come to see the Northern Lights. When a package arrives covered with foreign stamps, Maggie (Janine Turner) tries to figure out where it came from and what it contains. Meanwhile, Holling's (John Cullum) animal nemesis, Jesse the bear, is presumed dead — and Holling's not sure how to feel about that. 10 PM on APTN

CSI: NY

"I swear, I was just dropping it, and it went off!" When a young woman is killed by a gunshot, Mac (Gary Sinise) determines that the gun discharged after being dropped from the roof of a building. But the discovery of a family court judge's body — whose decisions on the bench had made him his share of enemies — has the team wondering if they have more than one killer. Melina Kanakaredes also stars in "All in the Familv." 11 PM on KREM

Actress Helena Bonham Carter is in talks to play a small but pivotal role in Terminator Salvation, the fourth film in the sci-fi/action franchise, Warner Bros. has confirmed. **E! NEWS ONLINE**

Celebrity Buzz

Being a mom makes Gyllenhaal better actress

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CAREER Maggie Gyllenhaal says motherhood made her a better actress, but now she wants to spend more time at home than in front of the cameras, *People.com* reports. "I think having a child changes everything and has deepened everything in my life," Gyllenhaal, mom to 20-

month-old daughter Ramona, told reporters recently. "I think it has deepened my acting." Of motherhood, "It really does crack you open in every way," said the actress. "I never knew that I could be so tired. I never knew that I could work so hard. I never knew that I could love so much or be so patient or be so excited by the tiniest, tiniest little thing. 'Everything about it has surprised me.'"

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Hilton says she is paid to party

PEOPLE Paris Hilton is adamant her image as a fun-loving party girl is not real — insisting she is paid to attend most social events, *imdb.com* reports. The hotel heiress is regularly pictured out and about at nightclubs, both in the U.S. and during her many trips abroad. But Hilton claims in reality she is different to her socialite persona — and only goes to events because she will collect a paycheck at the end of the evening.

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Kidman compiles birth music

PEOPLE Nicole Kidman has created a music compilation for when she gives birth, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

The Oscar-winning actress — who is due to have her baby within the next two weeks — has chosen a selection of her favourite songs to help her during the delivery.

The tracks she has chosen include many by her husband, country singer Keith Urban, and Irish flautist Sir James Galway.

A source said: "Nicole has been putting together CDs of music to listen to during labour. She has always loved

James Galway, particularly his classical albums.

"Whenever you go to her house, she has Galway on. There is one Prokofiev sonata that is her favourite."

Galway, 68 — who is considered the finest flautist of his generation — has recorded more than 60 albums, with his most famous song being instrumental version of John Denver's hit *Annie's Song* in 1978.

Kidman — who already has two adopted children, Isabella, 15, and 13-year-old Connor, with ex-husband Tom Cruise — has also reserved a private room at a hospital in Nashville, Tennessee as she wants the finest medical care and is hoping to have a natural delivery.

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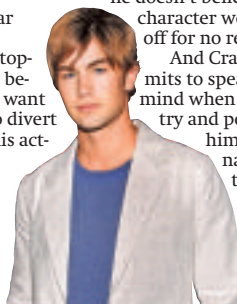
Crawford keeps his shirt on

TV Gossip Girl star Chace Crawford hates appearing topless on-screen — because he doesn't want his good looks to divert attention from his acting skills, *imdb.com* reports.

The TV hunk, who plays rich kid Nate Archibald in the

hit series, hates to undress for the cameras because he doesn't believe his character would strip off for no reason.

And Crawford admits to speaking his mind when TV bosses try and persuade him to get naked. He told *Ok!* magazine, "There was an episode where we



were crashed out on the sofa after a big night out and they wanted me to wake up in my boxers, so I argued with them about it.

"I mean, first of all, who gets wasted with their buddy, and smokes weed and then strips down to their boxers before they pass out on the couch?!"

No one does that. "Why am I naked on my buddy's couch? It was weird so I fought it."

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Lively is not like Hilton

PEOPLE Blake Lively does not want to be compared to Paris Hilton, *PageSix.com* reports.

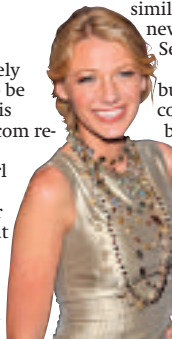
The Gossip Girl star said the weirdest rumour she's heard about herself is that she acts like the heiress.

"Since I have a

dog and blond hair, that must mean we're alike. It's a dumb thing to say. I don't think that makes us similar," Lively told the new issue of *Seventeen*.

"I don't know her, but I don't like being compared to anyone by somebody who doesn't know me. I'm my own person. I don't go to clubs, I don't party, I don't dance on tables and I don't like sex tapes."

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Ledger theatre to be built in Perth

TRIBUTE Perth, Australia, is getting a new landmark: an \$87-million US, 575-seat auditorium named for a native son, the Heath Ledger Theatre, *People.com* reports. Western Australia state Premier Alan Carpenter said at a dedication ceremony yesterday the

name was appropriate, given how supportive the late actor had been for young performers, The Associated Press reports. "Heath Ledger was totally dedicated to the craft of being an actor," Carpenter said. "I think what we're doing is continuing that support for young people who want to make a career in the arts and acting, stage and in film, whatever it happens to be."

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Brosnan glad to pass 007 franchise

FILM Former James Bond star Pierce Brosnan was relieved to finally hand over the 007 franchise to Daniel Craig — because playing the superspy is like making "a pact with the devil," *imdb.com* reports. The 54-year-old starred as the secret agent in four films, eventually bowing out in 2004.

But Brosnan admits playing the revered character is a major undertaking, as the franchise has such strict rules about conduct, grooming and endorsements.

And he was happy to finally shed the responsibility of playing Bond.

He said, "You become an ambassador to a small country. Bond is an industry."

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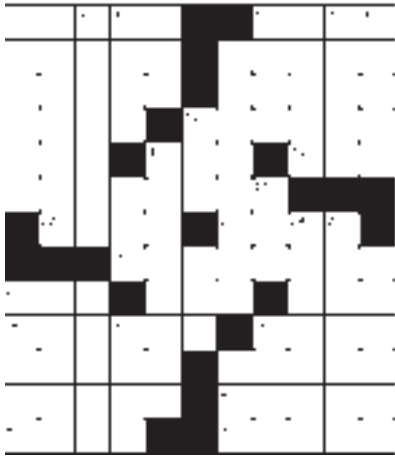
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Former American Idol contestant Kristy Lee Cook has inked a deal with 19 Recordings/Arista Nashville for an album debut, with her first single, 15 Minutes Of Shame, already getting an Aug. 11 release date. **E! NEWS ONLINE**

Take Five



Crossword across

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| 1 Treaties | 26 Wrinkly dogs |
| 6 Attendee | 29 coundrel |
| 10 Parts of hearts | 32 Bar "rocks" |
| 11 "The One" star | 33 Topper |
| 12 Bee attack | 34 Unmoored |
| 13 Nay voters | 36 "The Phantom Tollbooth" boy |
| 14 Not feral | 37 Incline |
| 15 Allergy sign | 38 Well fill |
| 16 Super serve | 39 Great care |
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| 19 Quick-witted folks | 42 Inclines |
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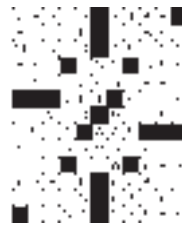
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| 3 Of a Ukraine peninsula | 25 Regional talk |
| 4 Fork part | 27 Play part |
| 5 Decline | 28 Newspaper section |
| 6 Heredity unit | 29 Gravelly voices |
| 7 Mink's cousin | 30 Dwight's challenger |
| 8 "My Fair Lady" heroine | 31 Characteristic |
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| 11 Brontë novel | 36 ong skirt |
| 15 Go downhill | 38 Soaked |
| 17 Chooses a higher gear | |
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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

A dangerous task will crush frustration. A brave man faces the mystery in his reality. A conscience might cause a bad reaction.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Your politeness gets you emotional support. Reluctance can be dealt with. Those who are thwarted will challenge everything.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

It's time to search for more fun. Don't bicker with a loser. A bandit will suffer from a case of mistaken identity.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

A passionate person has fine talents. Don't shed tears for a dreamer. A tale reminds you of something.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

You become aware of special circumstances. A person painfully finds out the truth. A challenger fails to appeal to others.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

Leaders will want to get everything on paper. The past will become your future unless changes are made. Avoid a scam artist.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

Find a reason to laugh with your friends. Don't accept someone's negative despair. You'll win something if you stay alert.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

Don't try to manipulate a romantic person. A former foe wants to visit you. Try to appear to be more fastidious.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

Important info comes from an obscure dream. A sincere person affects your choices. Be on your best behaviour all day.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

Enchantment will clear out the cobwebs of your heart. Spicy thoughts will lead to a lecture. A phone call leads to a truth chat.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

Restful moments can be found, but not in company. Keep your secrets to yourself. A complicated person will pay you back.

PISCES

FEB 19-MAR 20

Don't become a stickler for details. Breathe in the air of freedom by releasing yourself. Taking time off will work wonders.

Sudoku

INSTRUCTIONS:

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

Under 13 Genius
13-17 Scholar
17-21 Smart

previous day's answer

8	7	6	2	3	5	1	9	4
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APRIL 24, 1635: First public school in the United States, Boston Latin School, is founded in Boston, Mass.

APRIL 24, 1968: Vietnam War - Student protesters at Columbia University in New York City take over administration buildings and shut down the university.

Calgary weather

Afternoon



Showers.
23°

Tonight



Clear.
Low 12°

Thursday



Sunny.
27° / 14°

Friday



Showers.
28° / 14°



Partly cloudy.
24° / 12°

Temperature
Normals
High: 21.9°
Low: 8.6°

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High: 33.3°/1924
Low: 3.3°/1972

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